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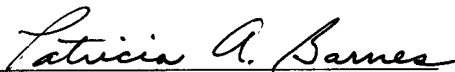
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicants respond as follows to the Restriction Requirement as set forth in the Office Action dated June 25, 2003.

To provide a complete response, Applicants hereby elect Group II which presently includes claims 53, 55-59.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement as set out in the Office Action. For example, it is believed no undue burden would be imposed by examination of multiple groups, particularly Groups I and II drawn to

particular substrate platforms and methods involving use of same to detect nucleic acids. More particularly, searches for these two groups would overlap significantly.

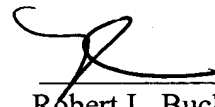
Alternatively, Applicants urge the Examiner to reconsider the Restriction Requirement as to Groups II and III. No undue burden would be posed by examining these two groups together as searches for these two groups would also overlap.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to renumber the claims according to the Preliminary Amendment dated July 15, 2002. Specifically, replacement sheets were submitted to correct a claim numbering oversight. Accordingly, and in view of the Preliminary Amendment, the elected claims of Group II should be renumbered to 51 and 53-57, respectively.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited. Although it is not believed that any further fee is needed in this case, the Examiner is authorized to charge our deposit account 04-1105 should such fee be deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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